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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF
CHIEF GREEK NEGOTIATOR

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1. ON MARCH 4, AMBASSADOR CALOGERAS, CHIEF GOG MEGO-
TIATOR IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION
OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION
WITH ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS ASKED DCM STEARNS IF WE COULD
ARRANGE FOR HIM TO UNDERGO A COMPLETE MEDICAL EXAMINATION
AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL. IF THIS COULD BE ARRANGED,
HE WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 24 AND BE
AVAILABLE FOR THE EXAMINATION ON MARCH 25 AND 26.
CALOGERAS INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT SPECIFIC AILMENT
BUT JUST WISHED TO BENEFIT FROM THE HIGH QUALITY
MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED BY WALTER REED FOR A THOROUGH
GENERAL EXAMINATION. HE WOULD EXPECT TO PAY THE COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH AN EXAMINATION, BUT WE HAVE NOT
ATTEMPTED TO ESTIMATE FOR HIM WHAT THEY MIGHT BE.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD OFFICES CONCERNED ARE WELL
AWARE, CALOGERAS IS A KEY FIGURE IN THE HIGHLY IMPORTANT
BASE RIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR
MORE THAN A YEAR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE RESULTS SO FAR
ACHIEVED BASICALLY HAVE BEEN POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE
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NOT RETAINED ALL THE RIGHTS AND FACILITIES WE PREVIOUSLY

ENJOYED IN GREECE, AND SOME INVONVENIENCE AND EXPENSE ARE RESULTING FOR THE U.S. FORCES. CALOGERAS HAS BEEN QUITE STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH US OVER THE PAST YEAR AND, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES,HAS PLAYED A HELPFUL ROLE WITHIN GOG COUNCILS. WE HAVE IMPORTANT MATTERS STILL BEFORE US IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON CALOGERAS' PART WILL BE A DEFINITE ASSET IN OUR ONGOING, AND HOPEFULLY ACCELERATED, WORK.

3. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM AND FULLY APPRECIATE THE SITUATION WHICH LED ASD/ISA TO MAKE THE REQUESTS QUOTED THEREIN. I WOULD NOT LIGHTLY RECOMMEND MEDICAL CARE FOR ANYONE IN LIGHT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH IN THE ASD/ISA LETTER. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IN THIS CASE THE PROVISION OF THE LIMITED MEDICAL CARE SOUGHT BY CALOGERAS WOULD BE DECIDEDLY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE U.S. FORCES IN GREECE AND IN THE LARGER INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. KUBISCH

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